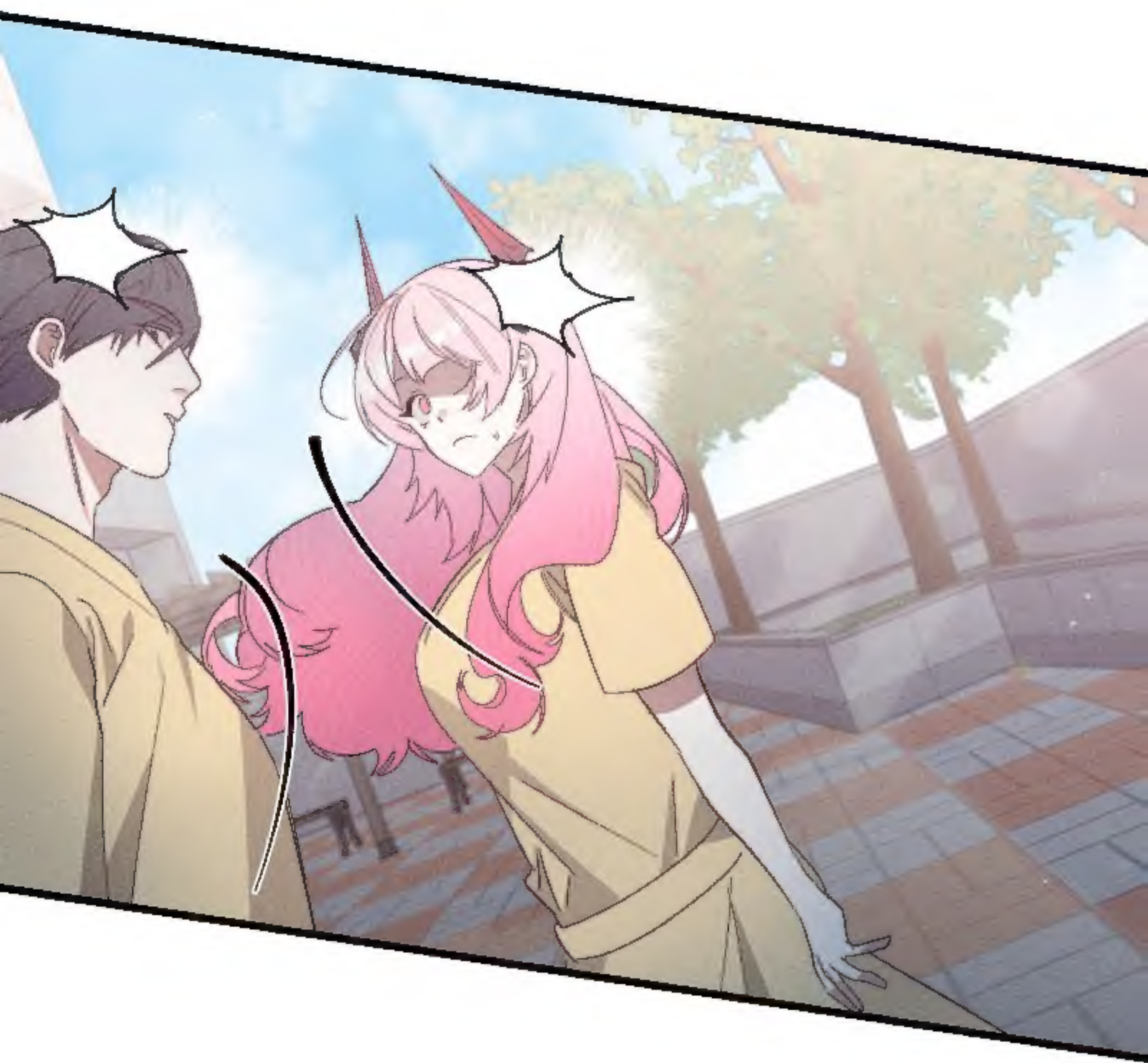


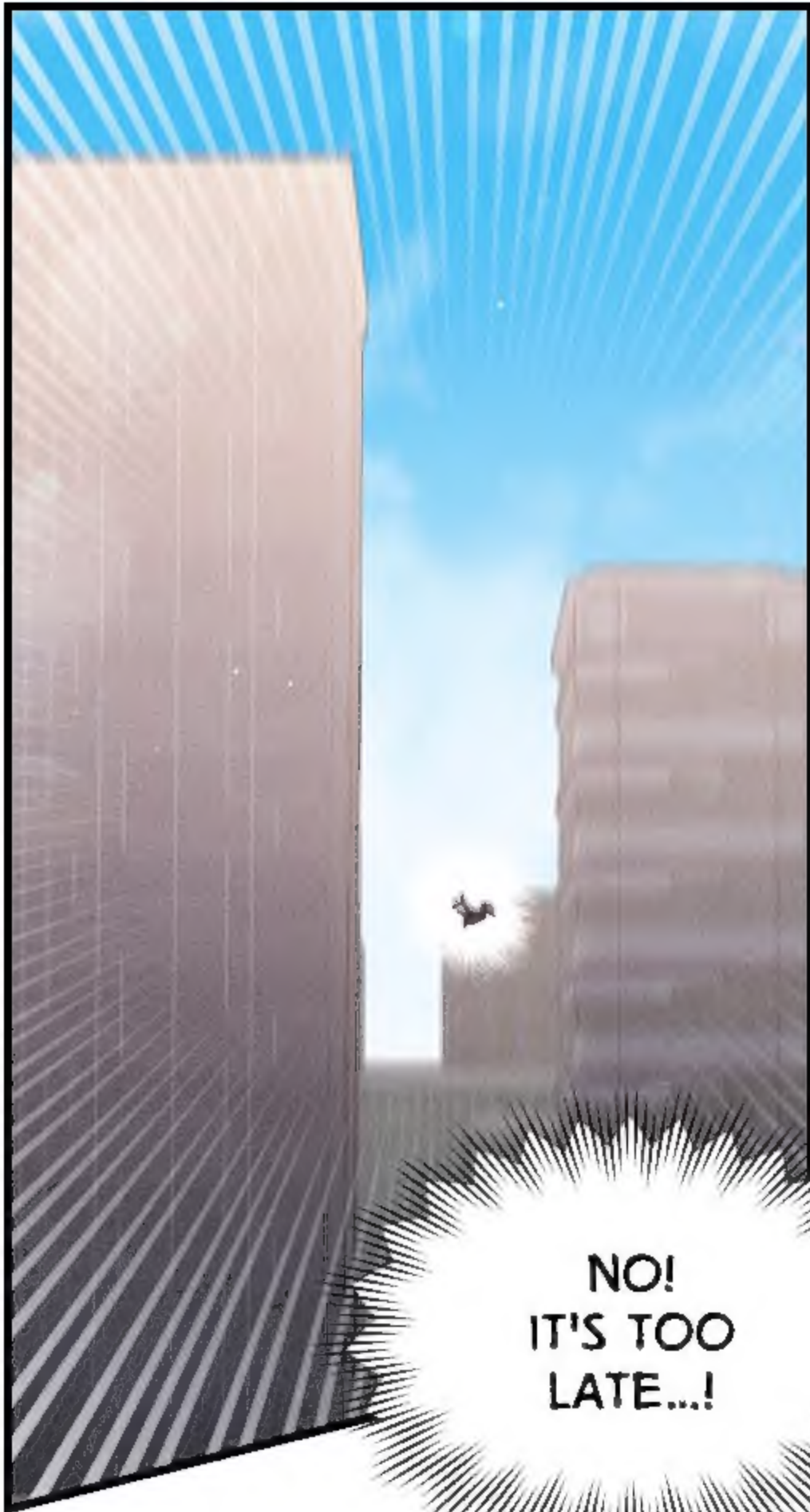
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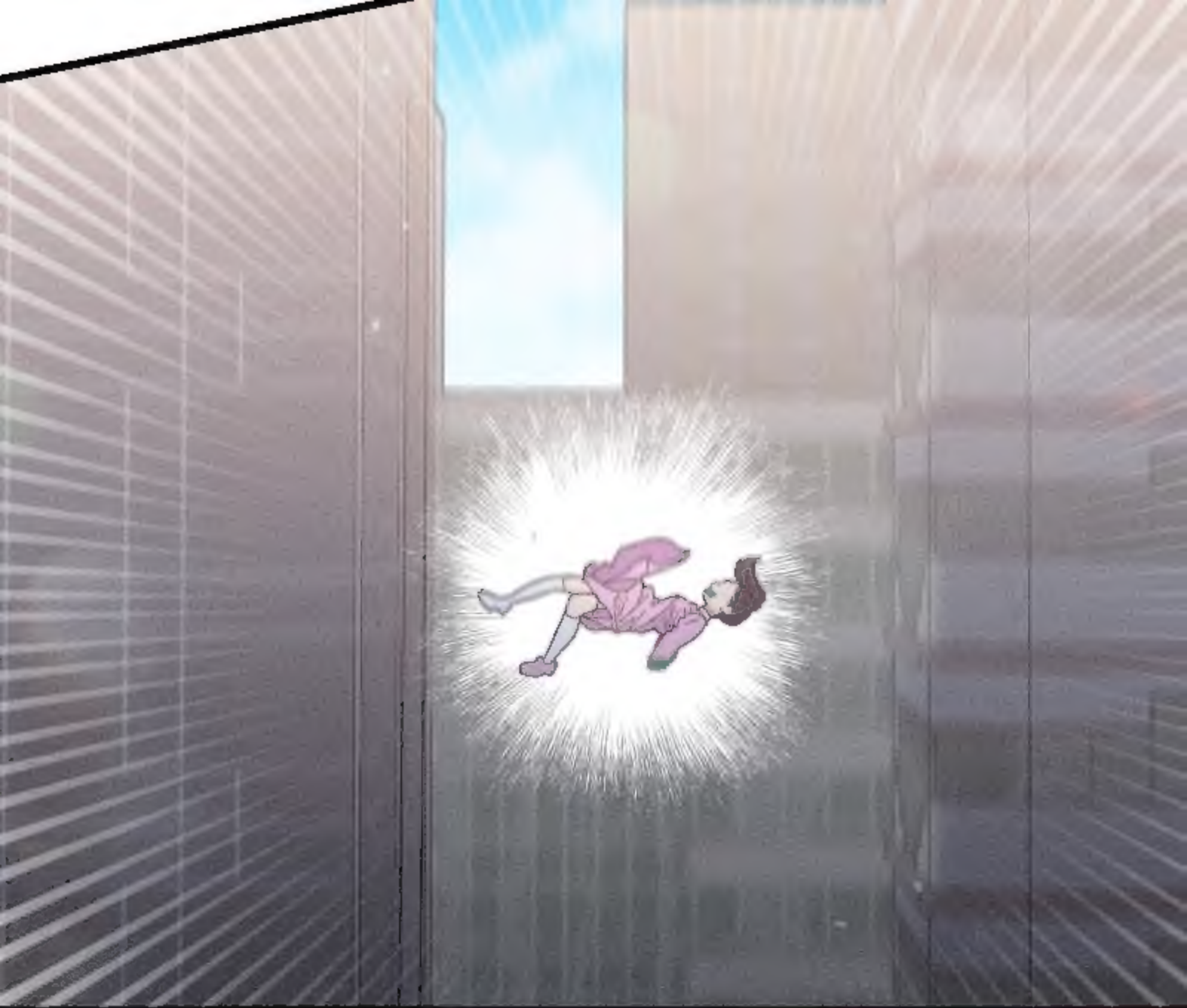
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HUH?



NICE CATCH,
LAHAN!





NO,
THAT WAS
NOT ME.



IT LOOKS
LIKE THERE'S
ONE IN THIS ERA
AS WELL.





DU DUN



HOW IS
SHE FLOATING?
IS THE DEMON LORD
DOING THIS?

TURN





YEONGHWAN,
GET AWAY FROM
THERE!

MY LOCATION
IS COMPROMISED,
SO I'M GOING TO TAKE
THE HOSTAGES
ELSEWHERE!



JOLT

I'M GOING
TO--





COUGH



DUN



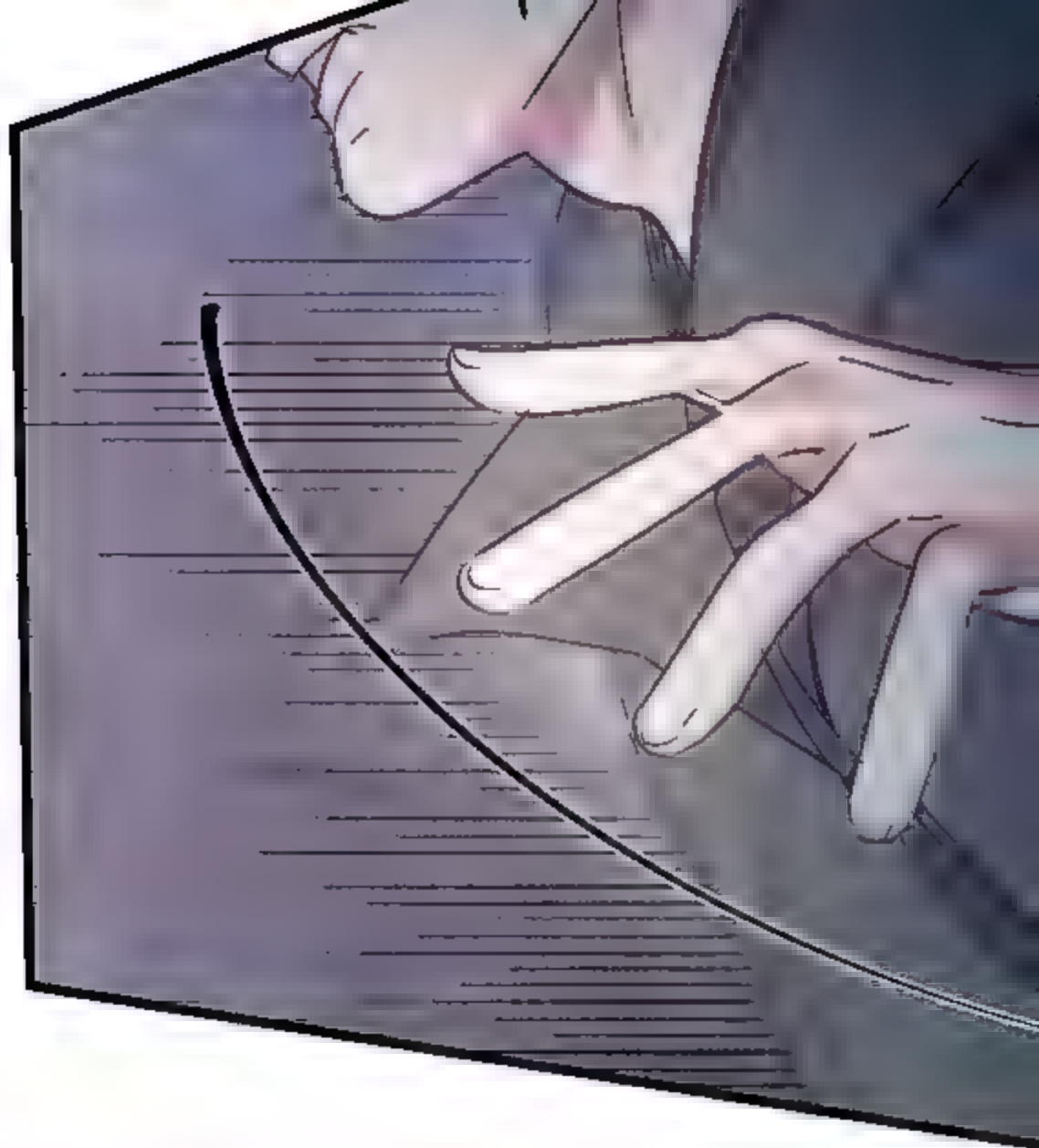
WHAT?!

A comic panel showing a character with pink hair and a speech bubble. The character is wearing a grey shirt and dark pants, and is looking towards the right. The background is a blurred city street. A speech bubble from the character says "WHAT IS THIS POWER?!".

WHAT IS
THIS POWER?!

A comic panel showing a speech bubble. The speech bubble is white with a black outline and contains the text "YOU LITTLE...!".

YOU
LITTLE...!





YOU--







BAM





HOW DARE
YOU?

MOM!
DAD! YENA!
ARE YOU ALL
RIGHT?!





WE'RE FINE,
THANKS TO THIS
LITTLE GIRL! I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU COULD
FLY, YONGRAE.

YOU SHOULD
PUT IT ON YOUR CV
FOR WHEN YOU GET

FOR WHATEVER REASON!
ANOTHER JOB!



LOWER



OH, YEAH,
I'M A HERO...
I'LL EXPLAIN
LATER!

I HAD
NO IDEA YOU
WERE A HERO
TOO, YENA!

ME?
WHAT'S A
HERO?!







A MAGICAL
GIRL.



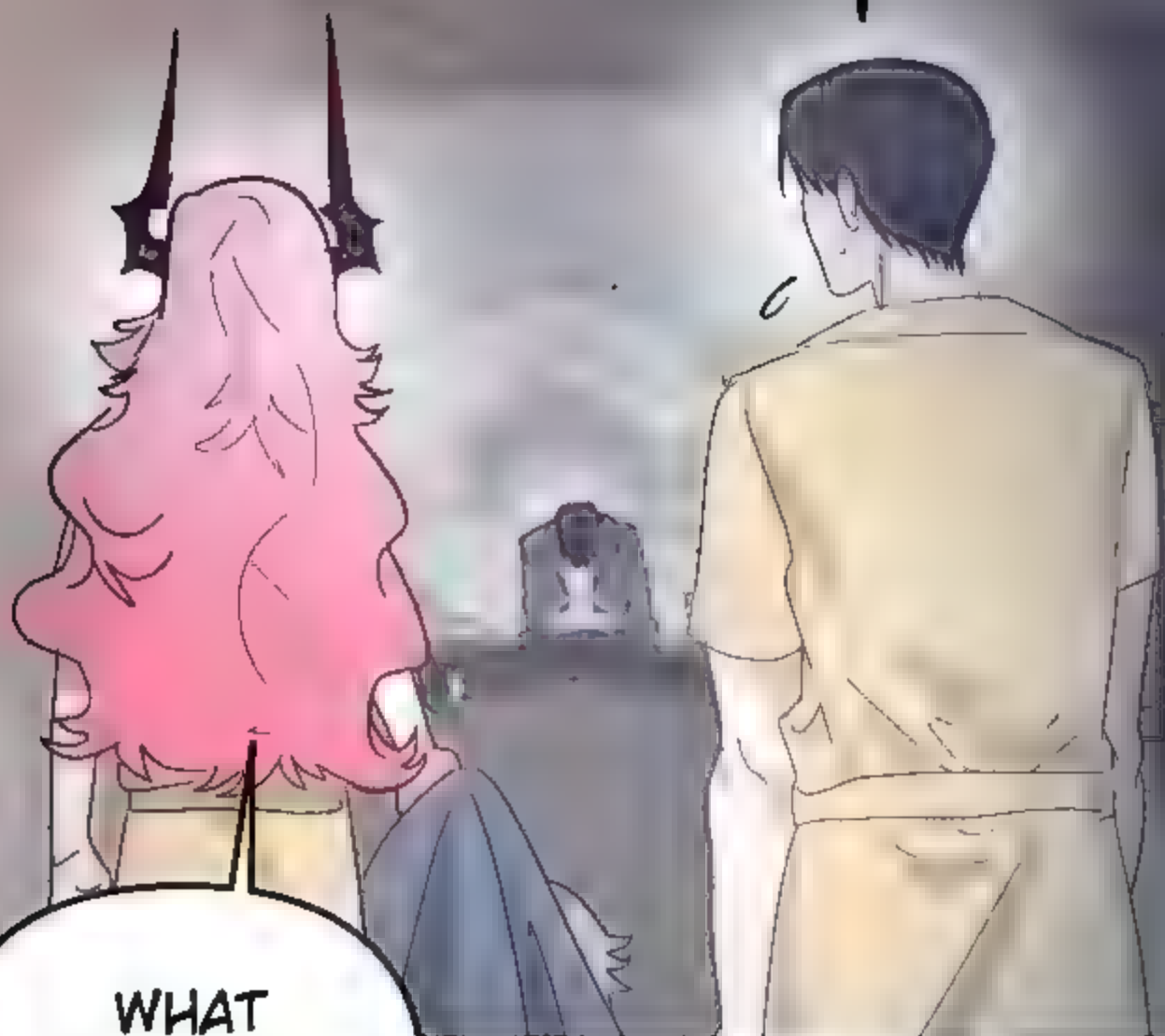
MAGICAL GIRL



YOU SEEM TO
HAVE SUPER SPEED...
VERY IMPRESSIVE.

HUH?
I THOUGHT IT WAS
TELEPORTATION.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?



DID YOU NOT
SEE HER CUTE LITTLE
HANDS RIP OFF
THE TAPE?

I DIDN'T
SEE IT AT
ALL...

HER CUTE
LITTLE HANDS?

IN ANY
CASE...

HERE YOU GO

HERE YOU GO.
IT IS OVER.



I WILL TURN YOU INTO A
REGULAR HUMAN AS WELL,
SO TAKE YOUR FRIEND
AND LEAVE.

DO NOT
GET IN OUR WAY
EVER AGAIN.

SMIRK

YOU
WANT ME TO BE
A REGULAR HUMAN

AGAIN...?

WHAT
DO YOU GET
OUT OF BEING A
REGULAR HUMAN,
ANYWAY?

A HANDFUL OF
MONEY IN EXCHANGE
FOR A LIFETIME OF
WORKING?

GETTING MARRIED

GETTING MARRIED,
HAVING KIDS, AND THEN
DYING EVENTUALLY LIKE
EVERYONE ELSE IS
SO MEANINGLESS.

HAHA...
WHY WOULD I EVER
GIVE UP THESE POWERS
IF THEY ALLOW ME TO
ESCAPE SUCH A
BORING LIFE?

NO LIVING
BEINGS ARE BORN
WITH MEANING.



YOU CREATE
IT YOURSELF
AS YOU LIVE
YOUR LIFE.



THAT'S
EASY FOR YOU
TO SAY, SINCE YOU
WERE BORN
SPECIAL...

HUH?!



HEY,
WHERE ARE YOU
GOING?!

STEP



CATCH





A comic book panel featuring two speech bubbles. The top bubble contains the text "YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE!". The bottom bubble contains the text "SNAP OUT OF IT!". At the bottom of the panel, the top of a character's head is visible, showing pink hair and dark, pointed ears. The background is a light blue and white gradient.

YOU'RE
TOO CLOSE TO
THE EDGE!

SNAP
OUT OF IT!



BRAINWASHING?!



WH-WHERE DID
HE GO? CAN HE
TELEPORT?!



A character with dark, wavy hair and a white tank top is shown in profile, looking towards the left. The background is a blurred blue and white. A speech bubble is positioned above the character's head, and a large, stylized word is written in the air to the right of the character's head.

HE COULD
HAVE SIMPLY
TRANSFORMED,
LIKE ME.

STEP

JUDGING
BY HIS MAGIC STILL
BEING CLOSE, THE ANSWER

BEING CLOSE, I'M GUESSING
HE TURNED HIMSELF INTO
AN ANT OR A FRUIT FLY.
SOMETHING SMALL.

HEHEHE...
YOU LOOK PRETTY
STRONG AS WELL.
SO THERE'S THREE,
NO... FOUR OF
YOU, HUH?



STILL, ONCE
THE DEMON LORD IS
GONE, I'M SURE WE
CAN GET RID OF YOU
EVENTUALLY.



YOU KEEP
WANTING ME TO DIE...
IT SEEMS THAT YOU DID
NOT LISTEN TO WHAT
I TOLD YOU.

D*** IT...

GLANCE



DID I
BECOME
TOO HUMAN?
I CANNOT
FIND HIM!

ONCE I DIE,
YOUR POWERS WILL
DISAPPEAR. DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT?!

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THAT. I'M PRETTY SURE
THAT ONLY APPLIES
TO LOW-LEVEL
DEMONS.

I FEEL LIKE
A SKILLED DEMON
LIKE ME WOULDN'T
LOSE HIS POWERS
SO EASILY.

HAHA

HE'S TOO FAR
GONE TO REASON
WITH.

WHAT IF WE
JUST BURN THIS
WHOLE BUILDING
DOWN?



NO!
THERE MAY BE
PEOPLE ON OTHER
FLOORS OR NEARBY.
IT IS FAR TOO
DANGEROUS.

LAHAN!
MISS MORIAN!
O-OVER
THERE!



LOOK, ALL
THOSE PEOPLE!

THEY'RE HEADING
FOR THE EDGE OF
THE ROOF!

DUN



WH-WHAT...?!



HAHA!

SURPRISE!
I CAN MAKE AS
MANY HOSTAGES
AS I WANT!

EVEN IF
YOU MIGHT
NOT KNOW THEM,
YOU CAN'T JUST
LET THEM DIE,
RIGHT?

BILLOW

WHAT'S WRONG
WITH ALL THESE
PEOPLE! HEY!



PEOPLE! HEY!
BACK OFF!

STEP

I-I DON'T KNOW!
IT'S LIKE THEY WERE
ALL BRAINWASHED!
WHAT DO WE DO?!

I MEAN,
I GUESS YOU
COULD LET THEM
DIE, SINCE YOU'RE
THE DEMON LORD...
BUT HOW WILL
YOU LIVE WITH
YOURSELF?

SHEESH,



A comic panel depicting a tense moment. On the right, a man with dark hair, wearing a blue jacket, looks sternly at two other characters. He holds a small white card in his hands. In the center, a person with short blonde hair and a red shirt looks down with a somber expression. To their left, a smaller character with dark hair is partially visible, looking up at the blonde person. There are some black scribbles above the blonde person's head, suggesting a headache or frustration. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

YOU DON'T HAVE
TO WRITE ME UP
FOR NOT WEARING
MY HELMET...

SHUT UP.

HEY
GARAM...
GARAM!

WHAT?!



THERE
ARE PEOPLE
ON THE ROOF...
HUH?

HE'S

AND
FALLING!!!



VROOM

VIP ROOM



SIR!
I SAVED
SOMEONE!



WOOHOO!

BYEONGHYEON!
THERE COMES ANOTHER
ONE! HELP ME
CATCH THEM!





WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?! HOW ARE
WE SUPPOSED
TO DO THAT?!

WE CAN'T
JUST LET THEM
DIE!

HOW ARE WE GOING
TO STOP THE REPTILIANS
FROM TAKING OVER THE
PLANET IF WE CAN'T SAVE
A FEW PEOPLE!

WE GOT THIS!
A SOFT LANDING
ENSURED!

SWOOSH





GOT HIM!



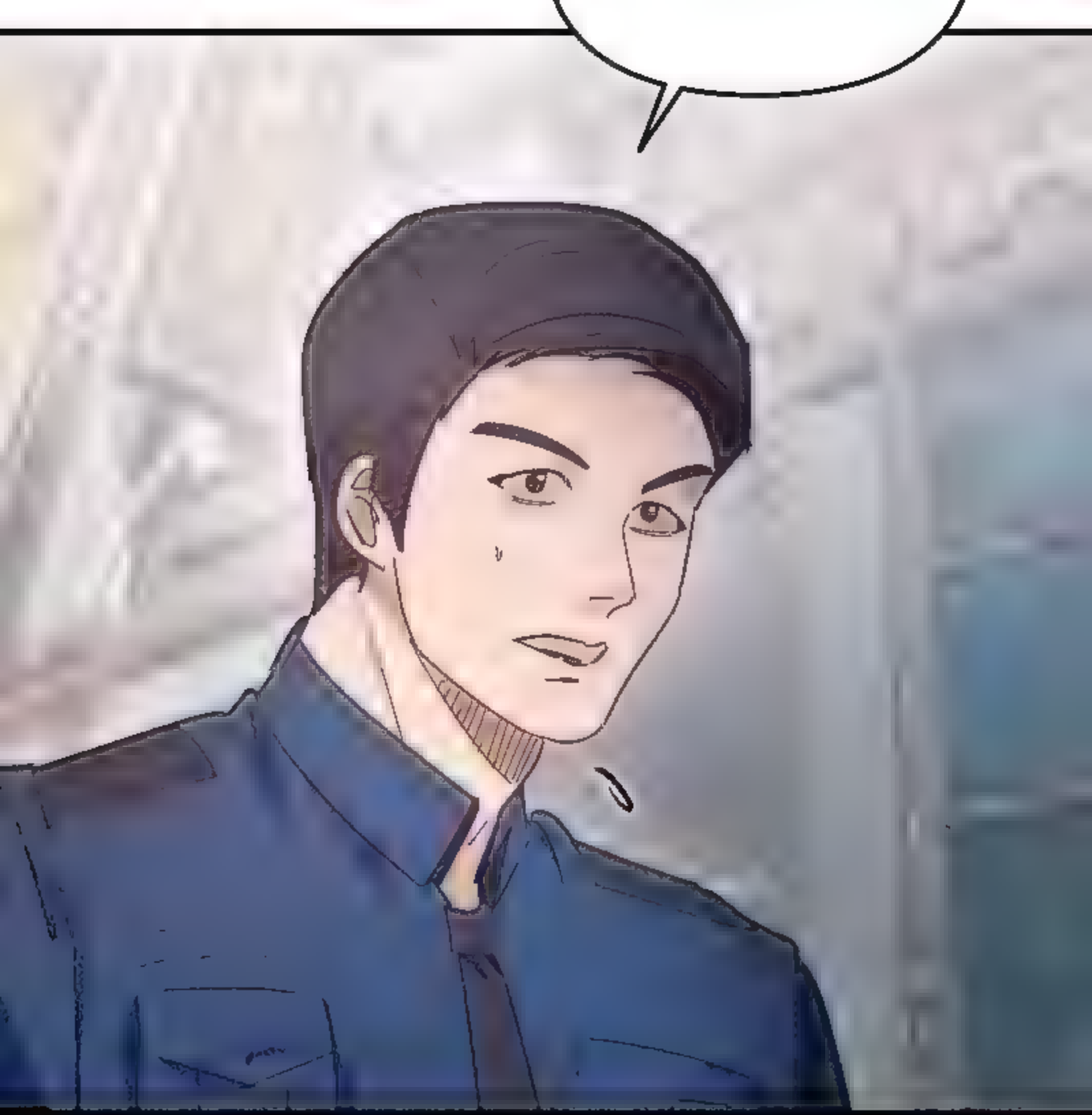
**WE DID IT!
WOOHOO!**

HAHAHAHA



Y-YOU
TWO ARE
AMAZING...

MORE
IMPORTANTLY...



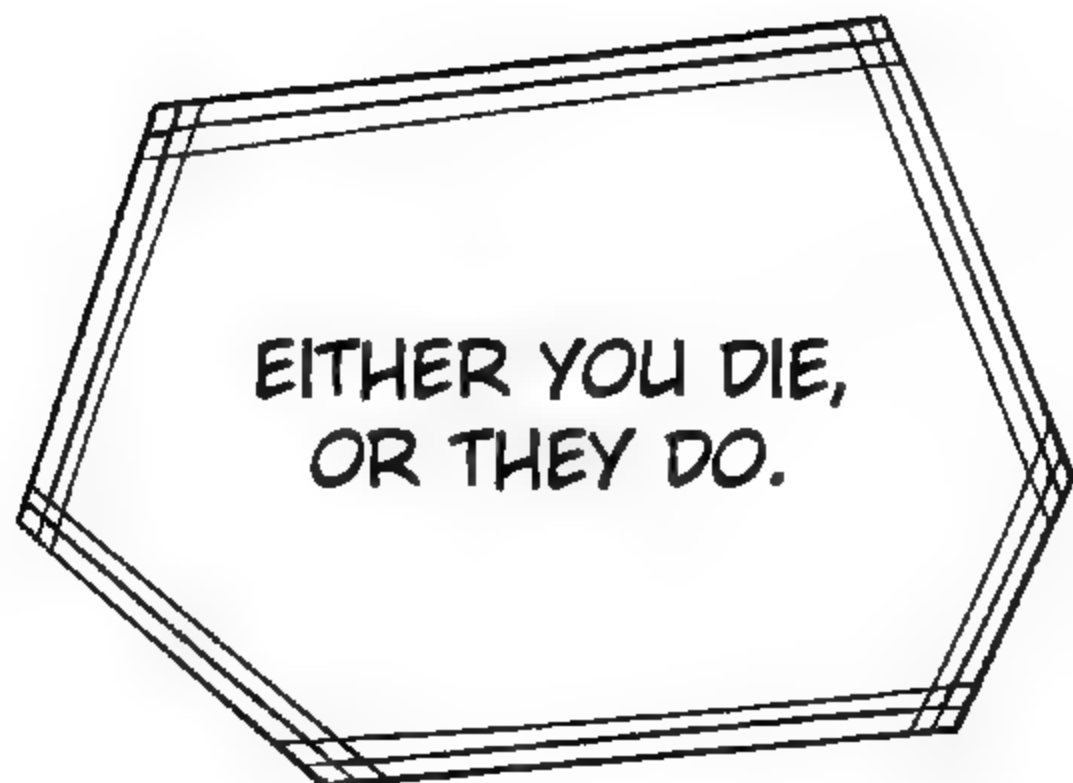
...WHAT'S
GOING ON?!

HEHE...

LOOK AT THOSE
OTHER PEOPLE TRYING
TO SAVE MY BRAINWASHED
HOSTAGES! NOT THAT
IT MATTERS.

NOW,
I THINK I'VE GIVEN
YOU ENOUGH TIME. MAKE
YOUR DECISION,
DEMON LORD.





LAHAN!
YOU CAN
STOP THEM WITH

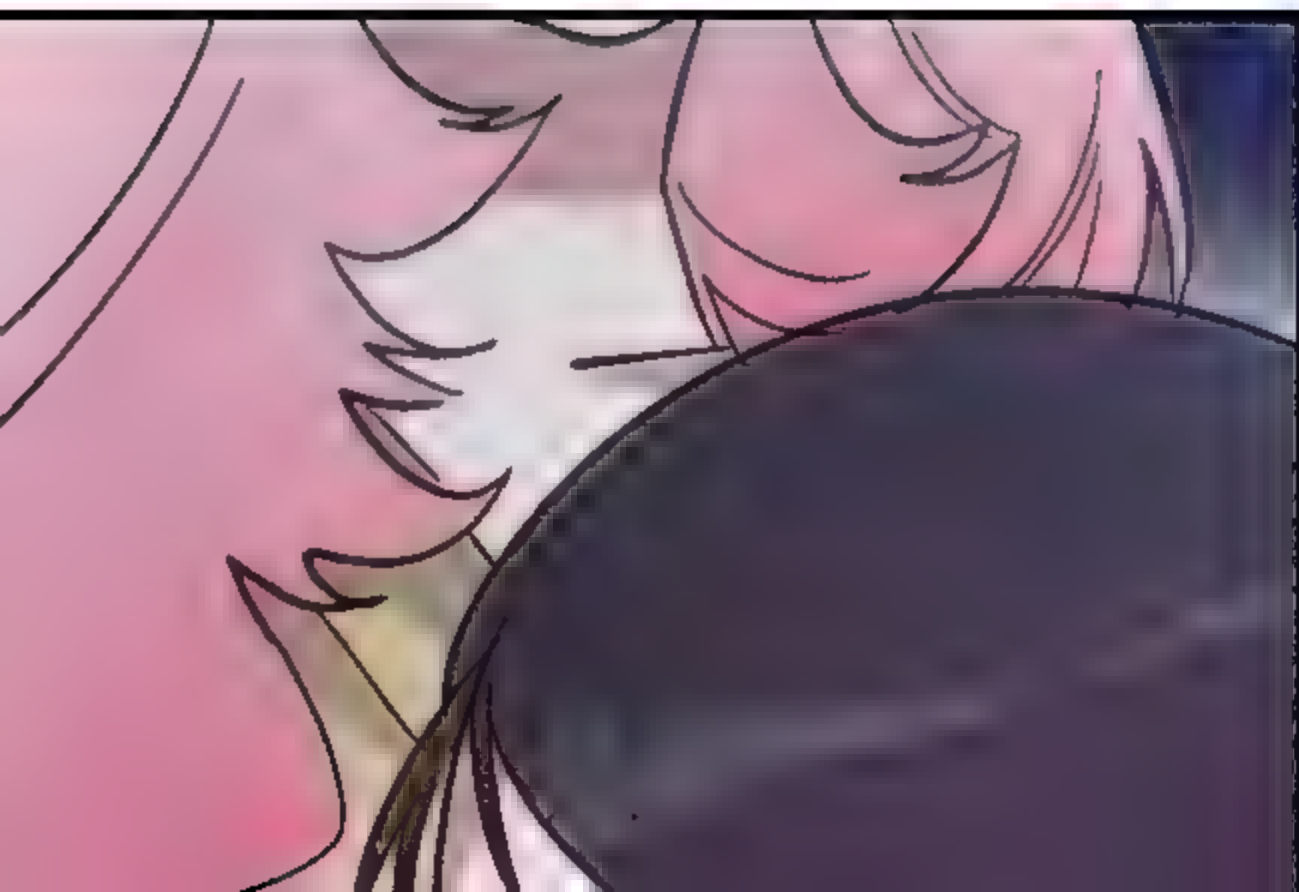
TELEKINESIS,
RIGHT?!



TSK,
I DID CATCH
A FEW OF THEM,
BUT I CAN'T STOP
ALL OF THEM!

JUST
SACRIFICE
THIS BUILDING
AND KILL HIM,
DULLAHAN!

A FEW
PEOPLE MIGHT DIE,
BUT THIS IS FOR THE
GREATER GOOD!





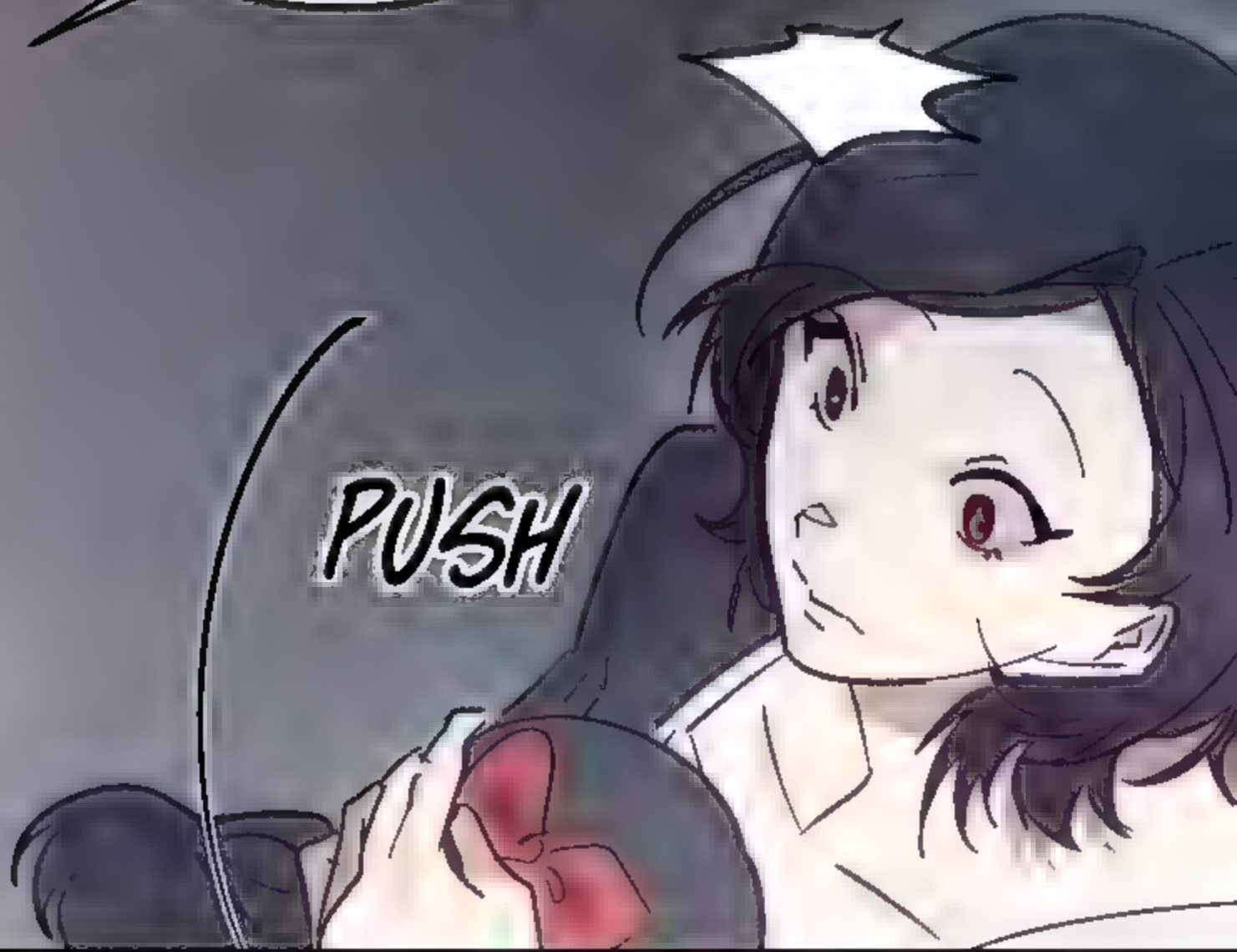


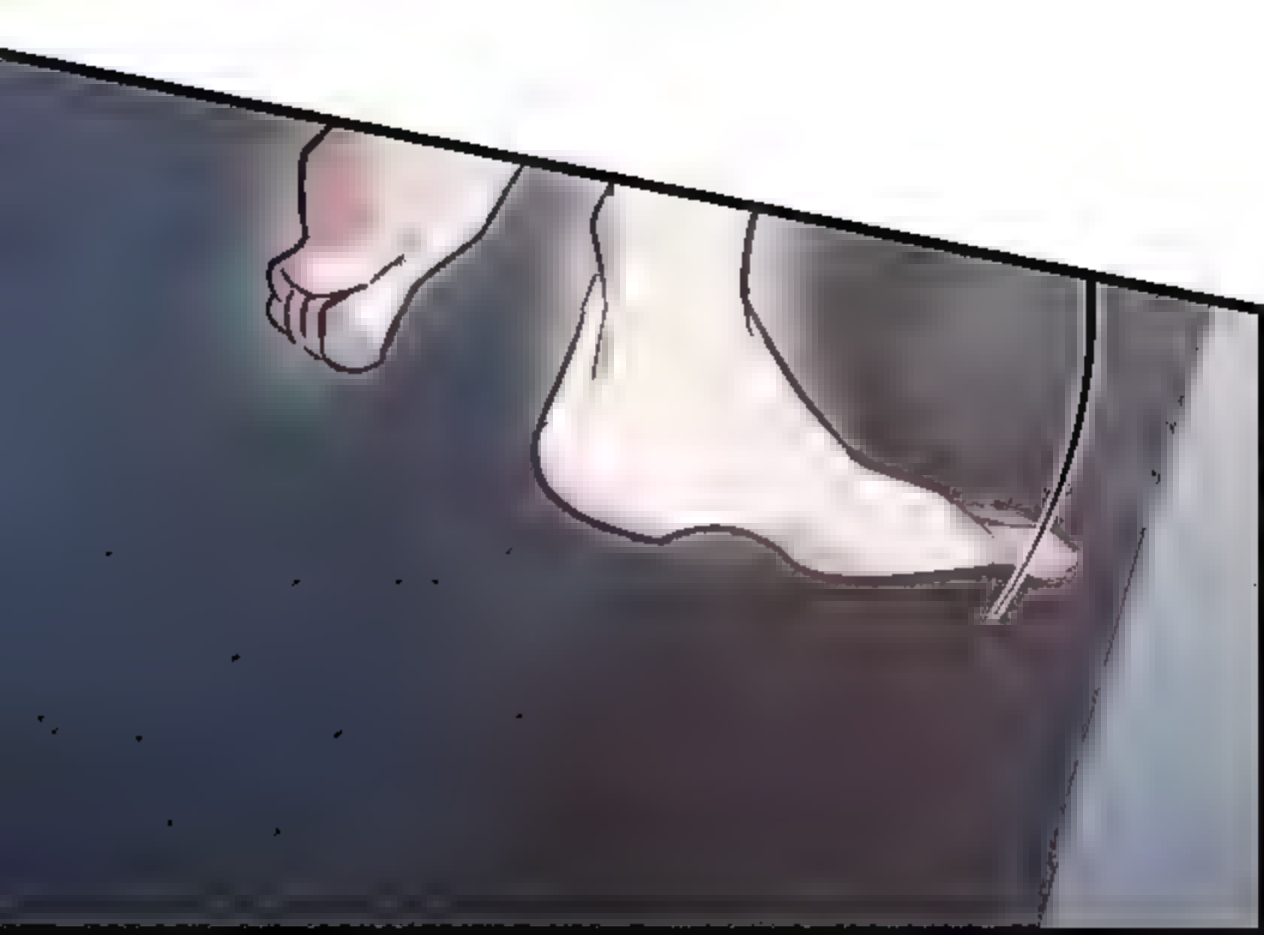


MORIAN.

TAKE CARE
OF THIS KID
FOR ME.

PUSH





LAHAN?
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?









I HAVE
LIVED FOR A LONG
TIME. LIVING MUCH
LONGER IS JUST
A BOTHER.

YOU'RE
KIDDING, RIGHT?!
MISS MORIAN, P-PLEASE

MISS MORIAN, PLEASE
STOP HER!



I CAN'T
STOP HER WITH
MY POWERS.

I'LL KEEP YOUR
PARENTS SAFE WITH MY
TELEKINESIS, SO GO AND
STOP DULLAHAN
YOURSELF!

WHOOOSH





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YONGRAE,  
YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN  
STRONGER BY AWAKENING  
TO YOUR HERO POWERS, BUT  
YOU STILL NEED MUCH  
MORE TRAINING.

**FREEZE**



WORK  
HARD AT IT.  
YOU WILL NOT HAVE  
MUCH REASON TO  
USE YOUR POWERS  
FROM NOW ON,  
BUT STILL.

DON'T  
DO THIS,  
LAHAN!

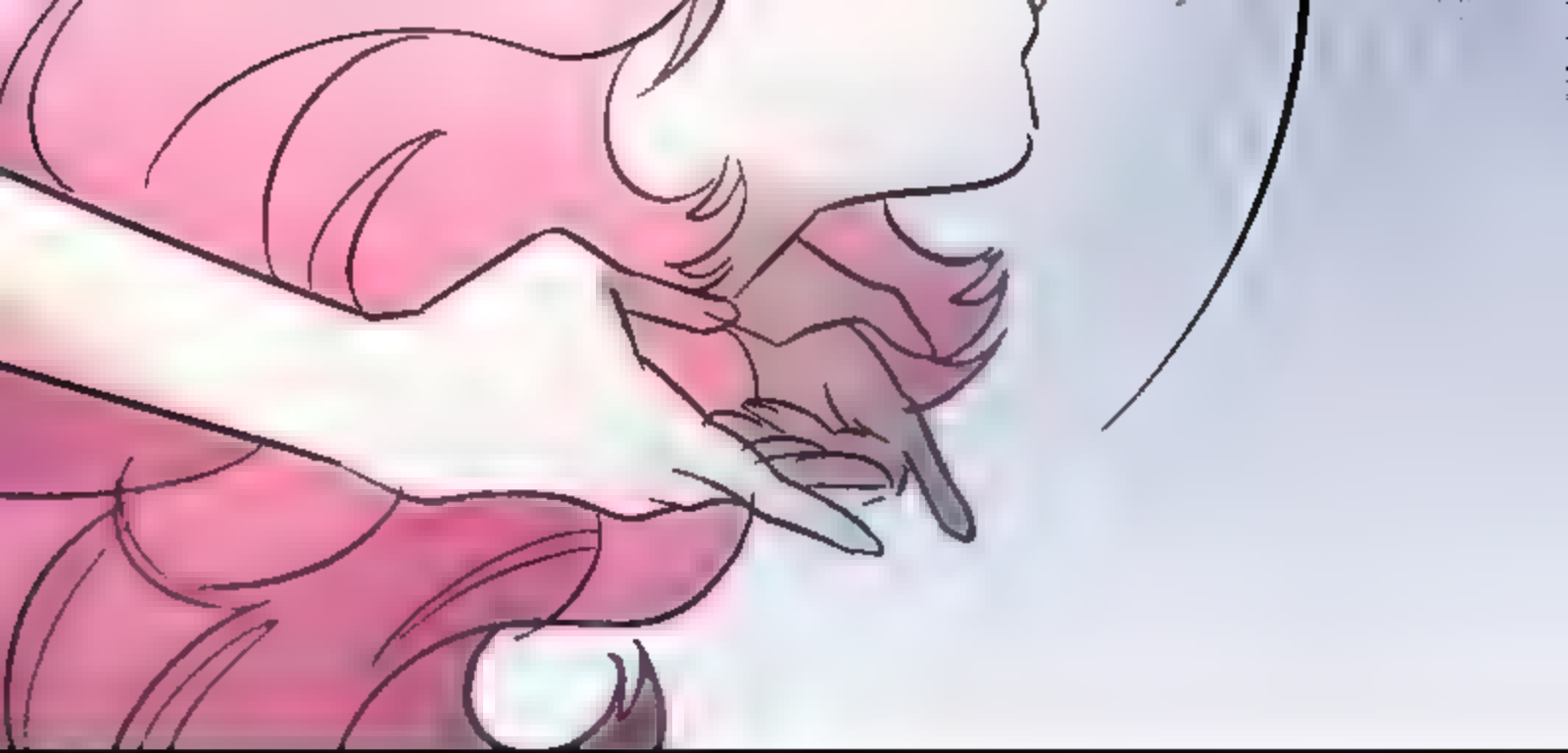
SHOUT





A comic book panel featuring a speech bubble in the center. The speech bubble is white with a black outline and contains the text: "JUST LIKE MORIAN SAID, IF WE JUST ATTACK THIS BUILDING, WE CAN MINIMIZE OUR LOSSES AND PUT AN END TO THIS!". The background is a light blue and white checkered pattern. In the top right corner, there is a partial view of a character's face, showing a wide, toothy grin. In the bottom right corner, there is a partial view of a character's face, showing a wide, toothy grin.

JUST LIKE  
MORIAN SAID, IF WE  
JUST ATTACK THIS BUILDING,  
WE CAN MINIMIZE OUR  
LOSSES AND PUT AN  
END TO THIS!





HEROES  
SHOULD NOT  
THINK THAT WAY,  
YONGRAE.

NO, HUMANS  
SHOULD NOT  
THINK THAT WAY.  
YOU MUST SAVE  
EVERYONE.



I AM  
GLAD TO HAVE  
MET YOU.



I HAVE BEEN  
HAPPIER IN THIS SHORT  
AMOUNT OF TIME THAN  
IN ALL MY LONG  
YEARS.



THOUGH  
I LIVED AS A  
DEMON LORD...







...I WILL  
DIE AS A  
HUMAN.

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